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10. HIS CENTER ALSO HAD HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMS IN ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAD VERY SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. FINALLY, ONE OF THE CENTER'S MAIN EFFORTS WAS AIMED AT PREVENTING AND ENDING OF CONFLICTS, DISPUTES AND WARS. IT MONITORED ALL CONFLICTS IN THE WORLD, OF WHICH THERE WERE 113 AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL. THIS NUMBER INCLUDED 32 MAJOR WARS INTERNATIONALLY, NONE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. THEY WERE ALL CIVIL WARS, WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS.

11. THIS PRECLUDED THE UNITED NATIONS FROM BECOMING INVOLVED, BECAUSE THE UN COULD NOT EVEN COMMUNICATE WITH REVOLUTIONARIES TRYING TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENTS. THE CARTER CENTER HAD PUT TOGETHER A GLOBAL CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS.  
PRESIDENT CARTER ON TIAMANREN AND ITS AFTERMATH

12. THERE WAS ONE LAST TOPIC, WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER HAD EARLIER RAISED WITH FM QIANG. AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, HE WAS DISTRESSED AT THE ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA AS A RESULT OF THE TIAMANREN INCIDENT IN 1989. THIS WAS A QUESTION THAT WOULD NOT GO AWAY. THE CONCERN OF CHINESE STUDENTS IN AMERICA HAD NOT BEEN ALLEVIATED, KEEPING THIS QUESTION IN THE FOREFRONT OF CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THESE STUDENTS WERE LOYAL TO THEIR COUNTRY AND WANTED TO FEEL FREE TO BE ABLE TO COME HOME.

13. HOWEVER, MANY QUESTIONS REMAINED UNANSWERED. THE PRINCIPAL ONE INVOLVED A REMARKABLE DIFFERENCE IN INTERPRETATIONS OF THE JUNE, 1989 EVENT. STRESSING THAT HE HAD NO WAY TO ACCERTAIN THE FACTS, PRESIDENT CARTER SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISTURBANCES IN THE SQUARE SEVERAL HUNDRED, PERHAPS IN EXCESS OF ONE THOUSAND PERSONS HAD BEEN KILLED. SOME 1600 WORKERS AND STUDENTS HAD BEEN TRIED, CONVICTED AND SENT TO PRISON. SEVERAL THOUSAND

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THEM PERSONALLY AS OFTEN AS HE COULD WHEN HE VISITED AMERICAN COLLEGES. HE HAD PROPOSED THIS EXCHANGE

PROGRAM TO DENG XIAOPING IN 1979; SUBSEQUENTLY SOME SIXTY THOUSAND CHINESE HAD COME TO THE U.S. TO STUDY. THIS WAS VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE U.S., GIVING U.S. PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHINA.

7. THE U.S. AND CHINA HAD ALSO BEEN ABLE TO COOPERATE ON A NUMBER OF SENSITIVE MATTERS, SUCH AS KAMPUCHEA, THE SOVIET WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN AND FREE TRADE. ALL OF THIS WAS OF GREAT BENEFIT TO BOTH SIDES.

PRESIDENT CARTER DESCRIBES CARTER CENTER'S WORK

8. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS NOW A PRIVATE CITIZEN WITH NO FORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT CARTER DESCRIBED HIS CURRENT WORK. HE HAD BEEN TEACHING FOR NINE YEARS AT EMBRY UNIVERSITY. BUT HIS GREATEST EFFORTS WERE EXPENDED AT THE CARTER CENTER, A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION DEALING PRIMARILY WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THERE WERE 26 INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER, ONE OF WHICH HAD BROUGHT HIM TO CHINA ON THE CURRENT VISIT.

9. HIS CENTER HAD HELPED TO TRAIN MORE THAN 300 CHINESE TEACHERS TO WORK WITH HANDICAPPED PEOPLE. THAT MORNING, ALONG WITH DENG PUJANG, HE HAD DEDICATED A NEW FACTORY WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE CHINESE TO MASS PRODUCE ARTIFICIAL ARMS AND LEGS OF THE HIGHEST TECHNICAL QUALITY. THE CARTER CENTER HAD PROGRAMS AIMED AT ALLEVIATING SUFFERING IN AFRICA AND ASIA. FOR EXAMPLE, IN AFRICA OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS EVERY YEAR THE PER CAPITA FOOD GRAIN PRODUCTION HAD DECLINED. OVER

200,000 AFRICAN FAMILIES WORKED WITH THE CARTER CENTER ON FOOD PRODUCTION.

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MORE HAD BEEN SENT TO REEDUCATION CAMPS.  
14. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, OF COURSE, HAD EXPLAINED

THAT THIS WAS A NECESSARY ACTION, STRESSING THAT VERY FEW WERE KILLED OR IMPRISONED. TO REITERATE, HE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THE FACTS. BUT AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, HE SUGGESTED THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SAY THAT IT HAD RESTORED ORDER AND PUT THIS MATTER BEHIND IT. TOWARD THAT END, IT COULD NOTE THAT THE MOTIVATIONS OF THE INVOLVED CHINESE STUDENTS HAD BEEN GOOD AND JUSTIFIED. IT COULD ALSO BE GENEROUS. ONE HELPFUL STEP WOULD BE TO DECLARE A GENERAL AMNESTY, A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES. THIS WOULD BRING GREAT RELIEF TO CHINESE STUDENTS AND OTHER CONCERNED PEOPLE. THIS WAS JUST HIS SUGGESTION, AS A FRIEND.

JIANG ZEMIN'S RESPONSE: JUNE 4

15. JIANG ZEMIN WANTED TO BEGIN BY RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, ABOUT JUNE FOURTH. JIANG FELT THIS EVENT WAS BEING GRADUALLY PUT BEHIND THEM, THAT IT WAS NO LONGER A CONCERN TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE. SOON AFTER JUNE 4, HE HAD MET WITH A NUMBER OF FOREIGN LEADERS AND HAD TALKED ABOUT THIS. WITH THEM IT WAS NATURAL FOR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TO HAVE DIFFERENT VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS. BUT, HE CLAIMED, THE REALITY OF THAT OCCASION HAD BEEN DISTORTED.

16. JIANG HAD MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN TELEVISION AFTER JUNE 4. THE CURRENTLY FASHIONABLE NOTION, JIANG OBSERVED, WAS THAT TELEVISION HAD SHRUNK THE WORLD. WITH MAJOR GLOBAL EVENTS NOW TELEVIZED, ALL COULD JUDGE THEM BASED ON THEIR OWN VALUES. HE WAS VERY OPENMINDED ABOUT THIS. ALL JIANG HAD ASKED OF

THESE REPORTERS WAS THAT TELEVISION REPORT THE FACTS. IT WAS ONLY NATURAL, HE REPEATED, FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE TO HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS BASED ON THEIR DIFFERENT

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17. UNFORTUNATELY, JIANG CONCLUDED, TELEVISION COULD NOT PRESENT A NATURAL IMAGE. IT REQUIRES A CAMERAWHIZ TO TAKE PICTURES AND A REPORTER TO PREPARE HIS REPORT. THEY SUPPLIED THEIR OWN COMMENT. SO THISFFECTED THE REPORT. JIANG WANTED TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF THIS. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SAID ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED IN JUNE, 1989. THERE WERE ALSO OTHER ALLEGATIONS THAT MANY HAD DIED IN A MASSIVE BLOODLETTING.

18. JIANG SAID HE HAD TOLD BARBARA WALTERS IN THEIR TELEVIZED INTERVIEW LAST YEAR THAT JUST 200 HAD DIED. HE HAD ALSO NOTED THAT 110 TANKS AND MILITARY TRANSPORT VEHICLES HAD BEEN BURNED. WHY? BECAUSE CHINESE TROOPS EXERCISED MAXIMUM RESTRAINT. THEIR EFFORTS WERE DIRECTED NOT AGAINST YOUNG STUDENTS, BUT AGAINST "WHAT YOU WOULD CALL THE 'BREDS OF SOCIETY.'"

19. AT THAT POINT IN THE INTERVIEW BARBARA WALTERS HAD PULLED OUT THE PICTURE OF THE YOUNG MAN IN FRONT OF THE TANKS. SHE INDICATED SHE WAS CERTAIN OF THE MAN'S IDENTITY. HE WAS WANG WEILIN, ACCORDING TO WALTERS. SHE TOLD JIANG THIS PERSON HAD ALREADY BEEN KILLED. JIANG, WHO VIEWED HIMSELF AS A PRAGMATIC MAN, SIMPLY REPLIED "NO - NEVER." WALTERS THEN ASKED IF THE YOUNG MAN HAD BEEN IMPRISONED AND JIANG REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW. AFTERWARDS HE HAD LOOKED INTO THE MATTER

WITH THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY, WHICH HAD COMPUTERIZED RECORDS. THEY TOLD JIANG THEY COULD NOT FIND THE MAN. JIANG PASSED THIS ON TO WALTERS AND SAW IT CARRIED ON ABC NEWS.



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B1 [REDACTED] END NOTE] AT THE PRESENT TIME, CHINA WAS IN DIRE NEED OF A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT SO IT COULD DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY.

JIANG ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

21. AS A PRELUDE TO SHIFTING THE CONVERSATION TO BILATERAL RELATIONS, JIANG NOTED IN PASSING THAT ALL THE CHINESE GEE PARZ, 43 IN THE FRONT ROW AT THIS MEETING -- MODESTLY EXCLUDING HIMSELF -- SPOKE EXCELLENT ENGLISH, INCLUDING HIS FELLOW SHANGHAINESE QIAN. HE THEN OBSERVED THAT U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS HAD BEEN DEVELOPING STEP BY STEP SINCE 1972. WHILE PRESIDENT CARTER HAD BEEN IN OFFICE THE TWO SIDES HAD FORMALLY ESTABLISHED RELATIONS. IF HIS MEMORY SERVED HIM RIGHT, IT WAS ALSO DURING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON MOST FAVORED NATION TRADE STATUS. IT WAS ALSO AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S TALKS WITH DENG XIAOPING THAT STUDENT EXCHANGES HAD BEGUN.

JIANG ON CHINESE VIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS

22. JIANG HAD A CLEAR AND VIVID MEMORY OF ALL THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD DONE TO PROMOTE U.S.-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP. AGAIN DIGRESSING, JIANG SAID HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD EXPERIENCED THE TRANSITION FROM OLD SOCIETY, HAD ENDURED CHINA'S INTERNAL STRIFE, THE WAR AGAINST THE JAPANESE AND THE CIVIL WAR WHICH RESULTED IN THE FOUNDING OF THE PRC IN 1949. WHY WAS HE LOOKING BACK AT HISTORY? PRESIDENT CARTER HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. FROM THE CHINESE PERSPECTIVE, THE PARAMOUNT HUMAN RIGHT WAS THAT OF SUBSISTENCE.

23. BASED ON THE JULY, 1980 CENSUS, CHINA NOW HAD A POPULATION OF 1.133612501 BILLION (SIC). THE AMBASSADOR ALSO KNOWS THIS NUMBER. JIANG HAD FORMERLY

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BEEN AN ENGINEER AND HE CLAIMED TO HAVE A GOOD FACILITY FOR NUMBERS. HE HAS LEARNED THAT CHINA'S POPULATION HAD ALREADY GROWN TO 1.14 BILLION. EVERY YEAR, EVEN WITH STRICT MEASURES IN BIRTH CONTROL, 14-15 MILLION PEOPLE WOULD BE ADDED TO CHINA'S POPULATION. JIANG WAS PROUD TO SAY THAT CHINA HAD MADE A UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN ESTABLISHING THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSISTENCE (WEIHOI) FOR ITS 1.14 BILLION PEOPLE.

24. JIANG HAD TRAVELED TO NEARLY 20 OF CHINA'S 30 PROVINCES AND AUTONOMOUS REGIONS. HE HAS SEEN THE DRAMATIC CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN CHINA FIRSTHAND. THIS WAS A WORLD THAT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE OLD SOCIETY. TO MAKE THIS IMAGE MORE VIVID TO HIS VISITOR, JIANG WANTED TO RECITE A FEW LINES FROM AN OLD SONG WHICH HE HAD SEEN IN A FILM IN 1934. THIS WAS A GRADUATION SONG, WHICH HE AND HIS CLASSMATES HAD SUNG AT THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATIONS.

25. DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OPIUM AND OTHER DRUGS WERE WIDELY USED, POsing A GREAT THREAT TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE. JUST AS COMMISSIONER LIN ZEXU HAD DONE IN THE 1840'S, JIANG AND HIS CLASSMATES HAD BURNED OPIUM BEFORE SINGING THIS SONG, NOTICING THE BAYONETS OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS OUTSIDE THEIR WINDOWS AS THEY SANG.

-- (SONG EXCERPTS) "CLASSMATES LET US ALL ARISE TO SHOULDER OUR SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY, TO FIGHT FOR THE RISE OR FALL OF OUR COUNTRY. IF YOU LISTEN YOU CAN HEAR THE GRIEVANCES OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE, YOU CAN SEE CHINA LOSING TERRITORY TO THE AGGRESSORS."

26. SAYING IN ENGLISH THAT THIS WAS ENOUGH TO GIVE PRESIDENT CARTER AN IMAGE OF THE SUFFERING CHINA ONCE ENDOURED, JIANG NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA. SO THERE WAS NO REASON THE TWO SIDES COULD NOT CONTINUE TO

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RESTORE AND FURTHER DEVELOP THEIR RELATIONS.

JIANG ON CHINESE OVERSEAS STUDENTS

27. JIANG THEN POINTED TO A SECOND FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATION: THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT. RAPID DEVELOPMENT WAS THE ASPIRATION OF EVERY CHINESE. JIANG WANTED TO MAKE ONE POINT CLEAR. AFTER JUNE 4 HE HAD VISITED QINGHUA UNIVERSITY AND THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNIVERSITY. HE HAD TOLD THE STUDENTS THERE GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD OVERSEAS STUDENTS WAS TO LET BYGONE BE BYGONEs, TO FORGET PAST ACTIONS WHICH WERE THE RESULT OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS. EVEN THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAD TAKEN ACTIONS ADVOCATING THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE INCLUDED. SO LONG AS THEY WERE REPENTANT, ALL WOULD BE WELCOMED BACK.

28. EVERY YEAR, JIANG CONTINUED, MANY STUDENTS RETURNED HOME TO CHINA FROM THEIR OVERSEAS STUDIES. ZHANG YIJUN NOTED THAT IN 1980 2000 STUDENTS RETURNED TO WORK AND ANOTHER 3000 TO SEE THEIR FAMILIES. AGAIN RECITING CLASSICAL POETRY, JIANG NOTED THAT IT MATTERED NOT WHETHER YOUR HOME ABROAD WAS MADE OF GOLD OR SILVER, A POOR HOME IN THE MOTHERLAND WAS STILL THE BEST. A DAY SPENT AT HOME WAS WORTH A THOUSAND DAYS SPENT AWAY. AFTER THE POEM WAS TRANSLATED, JIANG TOLD PRESIDENT CARTER CONTACTS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE U.S. SHOULD BE INCREASED. AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WOULD REDUCE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND LEAD TO RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

29. BOTH HE AND PRESIDENT CARTER WERE ENGINEERS, JIANG CONTINUED. BUT IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES MOST PEOPLE ANALYZE SOCIAL MODELS. THERE WAS NO SINGLE SET OF

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METHODS FOR CONNECTING THE LINES WERE NOT ALWAYS THE SAME, BUT THE RESULTS ALWAYS WERE.

JIANG ON TIBET - SEEING IS BELIEVING

30. SOCIAL SCIENTISTS WERE USUALLY PRAGMATIC AND DOWN TO EARTH. AS THE CHINESE SAYING GOES, SEEING IS BELIEVING. THUS JIANG BELIEVED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD SEE. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD BEEN TO TIBET IN 1979. JIANG HIMSELF WENT THERE LAST JULY. HIS TRIP WAS MORE DIFFICULT THAN PRESIDENT CARTER'S HAD BEEN. IN LHASA HE HAD SEEN MANY ELDERLY FOREIGNERS, PROBABLY EUROPEANS OR AMERICANS. THEY HAD EXPERIENCED NO PROBLEMS. BUT JIANG HAD SUFFERED FROM LACK OF OXYGEN.

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31. JIANG'S IMPRESSIONS WERE QUITE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE IN WESTERN "PROPAGANDA" ON TIBET. HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GIVE FOREIGNERS A VIDEOTAPE OF TIBET, PAST AND PRESENT, WITH ENGLISH NARRATION. PRESIDENT CARTER INTERJECTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SUCH A TAPE.

JIANG CRITIQUES DALAI LAMA'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

32. AT THIS POINT JIANG PRODUCED A COPY OF THE DALAI LAMA'S RECENT AUTOBIOGRAPHY, "FREEDOM IN EXILE." HE OFFERED TO SUMMARIZE ITS CONTENTS BRIEFLY TO HIS GUEST. THE DALAI LAMA, JIANG'S BOOK REPORT IRONICALLY NOTED, WAS A CHAMPION OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS, WHILE THE PRC GENERAL SECRETARY AND GESTURING TO OTIAN QICHEN TO HIS LEFT FOREIGN MINISTER WERE "DICTIONARY TYRANTS."

33. AGAIN DISPLAYING HIS PECHEANT FOR NUMBERS, JIANG INDICATED THAT THE POPULATION OF TIBET WHEN HE VISITED WAS 2.2 MILLION, OF WHICH 2.15 MILLION WERE ETHNIC

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SOUGHT TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

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TIBETANS, SEE OF THE TOTAL POPULATION. IF ONE INCLUDED  
THE TIBETAN AUTONOMOUS PREFECTURES IN SICHUAN, QINGHAI,

YUNNAN AND GANSU, THERE WAS A TOTAL POPULATION OF 3.8  
MILLION THERE, INCLUDING HAN. OF THIS LAST NUMBER,  
2.4 MILLION WERE TIBETANS, I.E. RESIDING OUTSIDE THE  
TIBET AUTONOMOUS REGION. THIS LEFT 1.4 MILLION HAN.  
SO, JIANG CONTINUED, THE TOTAL TIBETAN POPULATION IN  
TIBET AND THESE OTHER AUTONOMOUS REGIONS WAS 4.51  
MILLION. (JIANG CORRECTED THE INTERPRETER TWICE AS HE  
WAS RECITING THESE FIGURES.) ACCORDING TO JIANG, THE  
HAN POPULATION IN ALL THESE REGIONS WAS 1.51 MILLION.

34. SWITCHING TO ENGLISH, JIANG CONCLUDED THAT THE  
DALAI LAMA'S CLAIM THAT THERE WERE SIX MILLION HAN  
LIVING IN TIBET WAS "A MISTAKE." WITH SOME PRIDE,  
JIANG CLAIMED TO HAVE MADE THESE CALCULATIONS HIMSELF,  
USING GEOGRAPHY TEXTS. HE WAS WILLING TO TAKE  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NUMBERS. ALL THIS SHOWED THAT  
IT WAS IMPORTANT TO "SEEK TRUTH FROM FACTS" IN  
APPROACHING SUCH MATTERS.

JIANG: CHINA HAS BEEN GOOD TO TIBET

35. EVERY YEAR THE PRC GRANTED LARGE SUBSIDIES TO THE  
TIBET REGION, JIANG ADDED. TIBET WAS MAKING ECONOMIC  
PROGRESS. WHEN HE HAD BEEN MAYOR OF SHANGHAI, JIANG  
RECALLED, A GROUP OF COASTAL WORKERS, INCLUDING SOME  
FROM SHANGHAI, HAD BEEN SENT TO TIBET ON THE OCCASION  
OF AN ANNIVERSARY OF THE "PEACEFUL LIBERATION" OF THE  
AREA TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. AFTERWARDS, A  
NUMBER OF SHANGHAI WORKERS SUFFERED RESPIRATORY  
DISEASES, AND SOME DIED. (NOTE: THIS POINT PRESUMABLY  
WAS MEANT TO underscore HAN SACRIFICES FOR TIBET.)

36. SOMEWHAT ABRUPTLY CONCLUDING HIS LENGTHY  
PRESENTATION, JIANG THANKED PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS  
CAREFUL ATTENTION. CHINA ALSO NEEDED DEMOCRACY. IT

37. PRESIDENT CARTER THANKED JIANG FOR HIS VERY  
HELPFUL PRESENTATION. HE NOTED THAT JIANG HAD A SON  
STUDYING IN THE U.S. AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY. JIANG  
INTERJECTED THAT HIS SON WAS FINISHING A PHD IN  
MATERIAL SCIENCE. HIS SON WOULD BE "BETTER THAN ME,"  
JIANG QUIPPED, ONCE HE HAD HIS PHD. AGAIN PRESSING THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, PRESIDENT CARTER INDICATED IF HE  
TOLD CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE U.S. THEY NEEDED TO REPENT  
THIS NIGHT COULD THE FALSE SENSE THAT THEY WERE GUILTY  
OF SOMETHING. HE REPEATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT  
HAD HAPPENED, AND HE DID NOT CARE. THE FUTURE WAS WHAT  
WAS IMPORTANT.

JIANG ON CHINESE YOUTH TODAY

38. JIANG JUMPED IN TO NOTE THERE WAS A  
MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS. PERHAPS 95% OF THE STUDENTS  
WERE NO PROBLEM. THEY COULD COME BACK AND WOULD BE  
WELCOMED. SPEAKING MORE BROADLY, JIANG OPINED THAT  
CHINESE YOUNG PEOPLE (1) DID NOT UNDERSTAND CHINESE  
HISTORY AND (2) INCORRECTLY BELIEVED THAT ONE COULD  
LIVE COMFORTABLY IN THE WEST WITHOUT HAVING TO WORK  
VERY HARD. THEREFORE JIANG THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD  
FOR THEM TO GO ABOARD AND SEE THE REAL SITUATION.

39. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF TOO MANY PEOPLE WENT TO THE  
U.S. PERHAPS IT WOULD BECOME DIFFICULT FOR AMERICA TO  
BEAR. IF TEN PERCENT OF CHINA'S POPULATION TRIED TO  
GO, THAT WOULD BE 148 MILLION, AND OBVIOUSLY FAR TOO  
MANY. IT WAS ALREADY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN A VISA TO GO  
TO THE U.S., JIANG QUIPPED, LIGHTLY POKING FUN AT  
AMBASSADOR LILLEY. VISA PROCEDURES WERE VERY STRICT,  
WITH MANY RULES AND QUALIFICATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, TO  
RECEIVE A U.S. VISA AN APPLICANT HAD TO INDICATE HE HAD

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SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER'S 4/14 MEETING WITH

NO INTENTION OF IMMIGRATING TO THE U.S.  
JIANG GETS IN ONE LAST SHANGHAI ANECDOTE

40. JIANG HAD DEALT WITH THE PROBLEM OF STUDENTS GOING TO JAPAN FROM SHANGHAI WHEN HE WAS MAYOR THERE. THE WORD WENT OUT THAT THERE WAS A SHORTAGE OF LABOR IN JAPAN. ACCORDING TO JIANG, SOME 30,000 STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED OUT OF SHANGHAI ALONE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BEAR THIS. SO THEY STOPPED ISSUING VISAS. HOWEVER, MANY WOULD-BE STUDENTS HAD ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO GO, TRANSFERRING THEIR APARTMENTS. SELLING THEIR TELEVISIONS AND FURNITURE. MANY NATURALLY DISTRAUGHT STUDENTS RAN TO THE JAPANESE CONSULATE IN SHANGHAI EVERY DAY TO PROTEST.

41. JIANG ENDED THIS ANECDOTE BY SAYING HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO TRY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AS MAYOR. HE CONCLUDED BY DRAWING FROM THIS TALE THE LESSON THAT THERE WAS NO ABSTRACT AND ABSOLUTE CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HUMAN RIGHTS WERE RELATIVE.

42. THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:15 PM, WITH JIANG LEADING PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS PARTY ON A BRIEF TOUR OF THE GARDEN OUTSIDE THE ZHONGNANHAI VILLA WHERE THE MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE.

43. A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE WAS PROVIDED TO FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER'S PARTY. HE DID NOT CLEAR THE TEXT. LILLEY

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